

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 10, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Brad Newman (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 78, 2/26/2003; SB 78, 2/26/2003

Executive Action: SB 71, DO PASS,  
SB 78, DO PASS,

**HEARING ON SB 78**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 **SEN. MCCARTHY, SD 29 -- Short Title:** Short Title:  
Define "final agency action" under MEPA.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:00 John Schultz, Department of Natural Resources

04:00 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:00

**HEARING ON SB 71**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

06:00 **SEN. BARKUS, SD 39 -- Short Title:** Revise woodstove  
certification standards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:00 Debra Wolfe, Air Quality Specialist, Department of  
Natural Resources

**EXHIBIT (nah50a01)**

13:00 Riley Johnson, Northwest Hearth Products

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

22:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 71

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 71 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that SB 71 BE PLACED ON THE  
CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that SB 78 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 78 BE PLACED ON THE  
CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:28 P.M.

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah50aad)**